centrally protected monuments can be promoted directly by these agencies under strict terms and conditions laid down by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Maintenance of Charminar

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Will the MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a portion of Charminar in Hyderabad fell down in June, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for negligence in maintenance and rapair;

(c) the action taken against the officials responsible for its maintenance for negligence of the historic building; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken for proper up-keep of the historic mounments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) Due to heavy rain on 11.6.2001, a chunk of plaster from south western corner of Charminar fell down. The applique designs in stucco work are loosing their adhesive strength due to constant vibrations and pollution also resulting in their fall.

After inspection jointly by Archaeological Survey of India, Municipal Corporation of Hyderabad and Police Officials space to a width of 14th feet at western side was given to the Survey to shift fencing for erection of scaffoldings to repair the structure. The fencing touching monument realigned covering recently allotted area and scaffolding have been erected and repair work has been initiated.